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CZECHOSLOVAK 'WAVE OF PROTEST'

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(TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN VIENNA RADIO REPORTER DUNDOMAR
EIBEGGER AND PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT PETER HOFFER--LIVE)

(TEXT) QUESTION: GOOD EVENING MR HOFFER, WHAT NEWS IS THERE ?

ANSWER: GOOD EVENING. I HAVE JUST HEARD THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEMONSTRATION ON GORKIY SQUARE IN PRAGUE. SEVERAL THOUSAND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE GATHERED THERE AND ARE PROTESTING AGAINST THE SPEECHES OF DUBCEK AND SVOBODA, AND MAINLY AGAINST THE COMMUNIQUE.

QUESTION: IT IS THE YOUTH WHO ARE PROTESTING?

ANSWER : THE LARGEST PART CONSISTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY. DOUBTLESSLY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS BEEN SEIZED BY A WAVE OF PROTEST. WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT A CLOSED FRONT HAS BEEN FORMED ON THE LEVEL OF REGIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST THE DECISIONS OF MOSCOW. THE SITUATION IS DOUBTLESS VERY SERIOUS AND TENSE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE TO STOP THIS REPORT NOW .

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